GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:30
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SPECIAL STATUS TO STATES UNDER AIBP PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States are eligible for a special category status under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of the drought and famine prone nature, the Union Government proposes to confer the special status on some States including Rajasthan under the Programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be conferred?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 30 DUE OR REPLY ON 20TH OCTOBER 2008 REGARDING SPECIAL STATUS TO STATES UNDER AIBP

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) North Eastern States, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Jammu and Kashmir are classified as special category states under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). In addition, undivided Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi districts of Orissa are also treated at par with special category states under AIBP.

(c) & (d) In order to give a boost to irrigation development in the drought prone areas of the county including in the State of Rajasthan, irrigation projects benefiting drought prone areas are also eligible for 90% of the project cost as central assistance which is at par with the special category states. Further, in normal cases, a new project could be included in AIBP only on completion of an ongoing project of the state under AIBP. However, the projects benefiting drought prone areas could be considered for inclusion in AIBP in relaxation to one-to-one criteria.